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DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 8, 1879.

The Legislature has passed another bill, making two in a little over eight weeks of labor. Well done.

The handsome little city of LaCrosse, Wis., is to be pitted. Brick Pomeroy is going back there.

A famine is raging in the most fertile portion of Bolivia. In the district of Cochabamba, in different localities of the department, from eight to ten persons die daily of starvation. In one small town 206 persons died from want of food in twenty days.

It is not strange that such statesmen as Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Lamar should laud and magnify the petitioner hero, but Thurman might have saved his reputation by keeping silence. In the language of Nasby, "he made a ass of himself" when he flew to the defense of Jeff Davis.

Bob Birdette lately wrote to the *Havrepost* from Peru, Ind. He said: "This is the city where all the Peruvian bark used in the United States is manufactured. I saw a Peruvian dog manufacturing some. He had a boy up on a fence and was giving him Peruvian bark enough every minute to scare all the asses out of America for the next ten years."

The secret of the mysterious vote cast by Senator Don Cameron in favor of seating Butler as against Corbin is out at last. It was prompted by gratitude. In 1857 Simon Cameron was seated, under similar circumstances, by the votes of three Democrats, against the caucus nominee, John W. Forney. One of the three Democrats who thus voted for Cameron was Senator Andrew P. Butler, an uncle of the present Senator from South Carolina. The charge against Simon Cameron in 1857 was corruption in procuring his election.

The Washington *Republican*, in an article on the organization of the House, says the Republicans may be called upon to decide upon a Greenbacker or a Democrat for Speaker, and add: "The Greenbackers will have the advantage of presenting an unbroken front, limited though it may be, for an alliance with the Republicans, while the Democratic column will be anything but solid, for several files thereof will, in all human probability, be landed in the penitentiary before that time." The *Republican* believes that a Greenbacker for Speaker and a Republican for Clerk are among possibilities.

A good hit by Chandler. At the close of Old Zach Chandler's pointed and effective little speech on Jeff Davis and his treason, in the Senate the other morning, in which he had said that everybody in the North considered Davis a double dyed traitor to his Government, Morgan of Alabama remarked:

"If the Senator, or any other man in the United States, believed that, why did they not proceed to try him? And, I ask, who went on his bond when he was released from prison?"

Mr. Chandler—"The Democratic candidate for the Presidency, I believe, went on his bond."

UNITED STATES TREASURER GILLMAN states that standard silver dollars are accumulating in the Treasury at the rate of about \$60,000 daily, and this increase, added to what is on hand, will make some thirty-five or forty millions by January. This fact together with the huge appropriations of Congress, had brought him to the conclusion that these dollars must be paid out on salaries, checks, etc. He said it would cause tall swearing, and a good deal of it, but with the Treasury threatened with deficiency it was no time to keep several millions in silver hoarded and the stock accumulating at the rate of a million and three-quarters monthly. An attempt will be made to adopt a plan by which silver dollars will be paid out as fast as coined, which will be at the rate of two millions monthly.

The New England Democrat and Tilden.

There can be no doubt now as to the purpose of Mr. Tilden's friends to make him a candidate for the Presidency in 1880, and there are numerous indications that many prominent party leaders, improbable and preposterous as such action may appear in the light of the recent investigation, are regarding his candidacy with no little favor. The expression of the New England Democrat has not been made public, but there is good reason to believe that, while many leaders would prefer Bayard to Tilden, the most of them, if compelled to choose between Thurman and Tilden, will take the latter. Mr. Thurman has taken such a position on the financial question that he cannot be expected to have strength in New England or in New York,—that is, strength sufficient to carry New York, which is important. In New York the Tilden wing of the Democracy is stronger to-day than ever, while Tammany is weaker.

TAMMANY FAULT TAKEN.—The end signed will attend to trimming fruit trees, grape vines and shrubbery on reasonable terms. Address. G. H. IVANS, Calhoun street.

## THE NEW CENSUS LAW.

An examination of the new Census law shows that some of its provisions have been incorrectly or indistinctly reported. The law provides for the appointment by the President of one or more Supervisors of Census in each State and Territory, the whole number not to exceed 150. Each Supervisor is charged, among other duties, with that of proposing to the Superintendent of the Census at Washington the apportionment of his district into subdivisions most convenient for the purpose of enumeration, and to designate to the Superintendent of Census suitable persons, and, with the consent of said Superintendent, to employ such persons as enumerators within his district, one for each subdivision, and resident therein, who shall be selected solely with reference to their fitness, and without reference to their political or party affiliations, according to the apportionment approved by the Superintendent of Census. The enumerators are responsible to the Supervisor, and each Supervisor to the Superintendent of Census. Each Supervisor is to receive \$500 in full for all services rendered and expenses incurred, except that an allowance for clerk-hire may be made at the discretion of the Superintendent. Of course the Government furnishes all blanks, instructions, etc. The law prescribes the duties of the enumerators and the information they are to obtain very fully. The subdivision assigned to any enumerator shall not exceed 4,000 inhabitants, according to the census of 1870, nor shall any such subdivision contain less than 3,000 inhabitants in any case where the last preceding census shows the number of inhabitants thereof. The boundaries of all subdivisions shall be clearly described by civil divisions, rivers, roads, public surveys, or other easily distinguished lines. Enumerators east of the Rocky Mountains are to receive not more than \$4 per working day, and those west of the mountains \$6 per day for actual field work. In lieu of this per diem, the Superintendent of the Census, in subdivisions where he shall deem such allowance sufficient, may allow enumerators not exceeding two cents for each living inhabitant, two cents for each death reported, 10 cents for each farm, and 15 cents for each establishment of productive industry enumerated and returned, in full compensation for all services. Enumerators are required to take an oath for the faithful performance of their duties, and a penalty is affixed for violating the same, as also for the refusal of any person to give the information required by law. This information is to be furnished by the heads of families, or in the absence of a head of family by any member over 20 years of age, and in the case of corporations and companies by any authorized officer. The inquiries embrace those used in the last census, with many important additions, and the census, when complete, will present such the most complete exhibit of the population, wealth, business and social condition of the country that has ever been made. The net appropriation \$3,400,000 as the maximum cost of the census, exclusive of printing and engraving.

## The Temperance Question in Ireland.

The Irish people are excited over a bill providing for the closing of drinking houses on Saturday nights. The shutting of such places through the whole of Sunday, except in a few large cities, where opening for a few hours is allowed, has already been attained. It is now found that Saturday evening is a period for an unusual amount of intemperance, hence the extension of the law that is urged. The measure has the support of many influential people, among them a prominent man who was opposed to Sunday closing. The measure will soon come before Parliament. The temperance question is rather more of a novelty in Great Britain and Ireland than this country, at least among the more prosperous classes, hence it is being discussed with much vigor and interest.

## A Pair of 'Em.

It is barely possible Senator Thurman is right in presuming that this is the road that leads to the Democratic nomination in 1880. It may be that he and Voorhees will be able to yell loud enough to turn attention from Senator Bayard. And if they do succeed in this, and Senator Thurman gets the old man with the epiphora out of the way, and manages to climb to the top of the ticket, it is only fair that the Democratic brothers should boost the Tall Sycamore of the Wabash up besides him. If Thurman deserves honor for what he is now doing, so does Voorhees, and just which of the two is the bigger fraud it would be difficult to say. By all means let us have it Thurman and Voorhees.

HOLIDAYS OVER AND NOW TO BUSINESS.—E. B. Pratt, North Church street, will give in exchange for corn, oats, wood, pork, beef, and country produce, groceries, dry goods, tools and shoes, ready made clothing, harness and hardware. Jan. 10-d&w3m

The Old Hamilton Buck Gloves, Mitts and Gauntlets, for ladies and gents, are reduced in price, and are the best gloves on the American continent, at any price. To be had only of LOWN & SONS, Oct. 31-dif

St. Paul, March 7.—The Legislature adjourns to-night. The business of the session ended this morning after a night session. Another wheat grading bill passed differing from the other in establishing a Farmers' Board of Trade to fix grades. The Governor will sign both bills. The bill to appropriate swamp lands to corporations was killed.

## TELEGRAPHIC

## WASHINGTON RUMORS

How a Forged Order Made Mischief in the Chicago Grain Market.

Another Haul of Mail Robbers.

## OTHER ITEMS OF NEWS

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Some of the most active supporters of Mr. Randall for the Speakership are urging his candidacy upon the ground that it is too early yet to place an ex-Confederate in the Speaker's chair, and that the election of Mr. Blackburn or any other Southern man would have a bad effect upon the North, and probably lose the Democrats the next Presidential election. A leading Democratic paper of Virginia to-day takes this position, and says that "the hands of the South are not yet out of the lion's mouth," and that "it will be time enough for a Southern Speaker when a Democratic President shall have not only been elected but inaugurated." It is a common rumor that "Sunset" Cox is trying to induce a number of Democrats to refuse to go into caucus, if it becomes apparent that Mr. Randall will receive the caucus nomination.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 7.—Elihu Burritt died last night, at his residence in New Britain.

He was an American scholar and reformer, born in New Britain, Conn., December 5, 1810. The son of a shoemaker, he was educated in the common schools of his native village, and at the age of 17 was apprenticed to a blacksmith. A desire to read the Scriptures in the original led him to philological studies in the intervals, and he soon mastered the principal ancient and modern languages, and became known as "the learned blacksmith." In 1841 he edited, at Worcester, the *Christian Citizen*, a paper advocating a peaceful settlement of international difficulties. To the same end he delivered many public lectures. He was also a prominent advocate of temperance and the abolition of slavery, and later of cheap ocean postage. In 1846 he went to England, where he formed the "League of Universal Brotherhood," whose object was "to employ all legitimate means for the abolition of war throughout the world." He was constantly engaged in writing and lecturing, and took a prominent part in all the European peace congresses. He was for several years Consul at Birmingham, and returned to the United States after residing altogether nearly twenty-five years in England. He published "Sparks from the Anvil," "Miscellaneous Writings," "Olive Leaves," "Thoughts and Things at Home and Abroad," "A Walk from John O'Grat to Land's End," and a volume of "Lectures and Speeches."

New York, March 7.—James R. Keene stated to-night that his name was forged last night (Thursday) to a half rate telegraphic message to J. R. Fisher & Co., grain brokers of Chicago, directing them to sell 3,000,000 bushels of wheat on Mr. Keene's account. This caused a decline on wheat at Chicago, to-day, from 96 to 93 cents. Mr. Keene knew nothing of the transaction until this afternoon and repudiates the entire sale, which will compel a repurchase by Fisher & Co. of the amount sold on his account to-day. Mr. Keene says he had no intention of making any sales of grain at present and certainly not at 93 cents per bushel. The message was sent through the Atlantic & Pacific Company and Keene states it was evidently the work of an agent in New York of Chicago parties. Steps have been taken to discover the author of the telegram. Keene says his assistants are strong against persons short of provisions who hoped by this means to depress the market and cover shorts. A large reward will be immediately offered by Keene for the discovery of the forger and his associates. The original copy of the dispatch is now in his possession.

CHICAGO, March 7.—The flurry on 'Change to-day in the wheat market was occasioned by the sudden appearance on the market of Archie Fisher as a seller of wheat, presumably on account of James Keene, who recently bought a great quantity of wheat in this market. A speedy decline followed his large sales, which was only partially recovered at close. Fisher states to-night that he sold about 2,000,000 bushels, but refuses to state on whose account it was sold. The total sales for the day are said to have been nearly 4,000,000 bushels. The decline on April wheat was 52 cents, on May, 54 cents. Various rumors were afloat, but none were traced to a reliable source. The most generally accepted was that a forged order to sell had been sent to Fisher with Keene's name signed, but this did not secure much credence.

St. Louis, March 7.—It will be recollected that about three weeks ago Jos. Beck, baggage master on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad, was arrested for robbing the mail, pleaded guilty and was sent to the penitentiary the same day. Since he has been in prison he made a full confession, implicating other employees of the railroad. To-night B. C. Lester, brakeman, and Wm. T. Dohanson, express messenger, were arrested and lodged in jail. They also have confessed, and will be arraigned to-morrow in the United States District Court.

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

## Adjourned Meeting.

DECATUR, ILL., March 7, 1879. The council met pursuant to adjournment, Mayor Priest in the chair. Aldermen all present.

The finance committee reported back the following claims as correct and warrants were ordered issued in payment, viz: Urea & Ewing, K. H. Roby and A. J. Gallagher, attorneys' fees, \$500; Hay, Green & Litter, do, \$300; same for printing books, \$25; Edward Houston, license money refunded, \$12 50.

The following claims were approved and warrants ordered issued, viz: Abel & Locke, \$42.70; Eldorado Hose Co., \$35; Neptune Hose Co., \$35.

On motion of Ald. Durfee a warrant was ordered issued in favor of Henry Lyon for \$25.00 in payment for rent of grounds occupied by the city adjoining the city lumber yard, and that \$20 per annum be paid for the use of said lot after the first day of April next.

On motion of Ald. Nichols the mayor appointed Ald. Kany, Durfee and Overmire a special committee to canvass the vote of an election held March 1th, 1879, who reported as follows:

To his Honor the Mayor and City Council of the City of Decatur.

GENTLEMEN: Your committee to whom was referred the matter of canvassing the vote cast at the municipal election held March 4th, 1879, we find the following persons elected to the different offices:

For Mayor—L. L. Haworth 141 majority  
Ald. 1st ward—E. Haworth, 71  
Ald. 2d ward—E. S. Smith, 16  
" 3d "—J. McDonald, 20  
" 4th "—W. A. Dennis, 40  
" 5th "—W. S. Nichols, 65

Treasurer—Robt. McClintock, 73  
Surveyor and Engineer—S. Burgess, 95 majority

Marshal—John A. Brockway, 219 majority  
Respectfully submitted,  
FRED KANY,  
H. B. DURFEE, } Com.  
S. OVERMIRE, }

On motion of Ald. Swearingen the report was concurred in and the persons named declared elected.

On motion of Ald. Swearingen the register was instructed to issue certificates of election and request the officers elected to be present at a meeting of the city council, to be held March 14th, 1879, and take the oath of office.

On motion the council adjourned until next Friday night, March 14th, 7 o'clock.

ADJUT. GEO. P. HAMBY, Register.

## WE DON'T CARE.

Some dealers say: Yes, we know that Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is the best, but we don't care if others are made of saw dust or arsenic, so long as they afford us a better profit, and we can sell them. The reason why adulterated baking powder is recommended is because Dr. Price's pays less profit.

SHILLABARGER'S patent process flour saves one half the labor in baking, and will make more bread to the pound than any other flour ever sold here.

Dec. 19-d&wlf

Try a sack of Shillabarger's "White Leaf"—new patent process flour.  
Dec. 19-d&wlf

FORGOTTEN SUNDAY.—A fourth issue of the stock of the People's Home Loan, Savings and Loan Association will be issued April 7th. Subscriptions will be received from and after to-day by W. B. Goums, m'd'd.

The Highest Market Price will be paid for second hand stoves and furniture, or will exchange new goods for the same. Give him a call.  
Edward B. Jones, Agent.  
Feb. 21-d&wlf

SHRIMP OYSTERS.  
The first lot received this season, for sale on the half shell, at  
53d  
MILLER'S OYSTER BAR.

Howard & Ferguson make the best mattresses, of all kinds, in the city.  
Feb. 10-d&wlf

Choose butter and fresh eggs at the lowest prices, at  
B. B. PRATT'S  
m'd'd.

If you want your furniture made as good as new, call on How and A. Faxon on Feb. 10-d&wlf

Great Bargains in Carpets and Window Shades, at Linn & Sprague,  
413 23-d&wlf

W. F. Busher & Co.'s is the place to get your boots and shoes made to order, at greatly reduced prices. Every pair warranted to fit. Boers, Gals, Moccasin, Kangaroo and Kid, plain or fancy, hand sewed, \$4.00, pegged, plain box or French toes, \$5.00 to \$7.00. Suits, Buckle, Alexie, Congress, and Lobby put on, and all the latest styles to suit. The ladies are particularly requested to examine our fine stock of fancy shoes and walking shoes, all kinds, ranging in price from \$1.00 to that of the finest kid, button and embossed, latest styles. Novelty, ties—Our basket cloth top, in all colors, and nickel plated heels.  
Feb. 20-d&w3m

MARKET REPORT.  
DECATUR, ILL., March 8, 1879.

GRAIN MARKET.  
FLOUR White Wheat, softening per bushel, 2.70  
FLOUR Red wheat softening per bushel, 2.35  
CORN MEAL White softening, 1.40  
CORN Yellow, 1.45  
SHRIMPS Per hundred, softening, 1.10  
COIN 21 60-25  
WHEAT 70-80-91  
OATS 1.15

FARM PRODUCE.  
POTATOES 40-60-65  
BUTTER—Per lb. 12-12 1/2  
EGGS Per dozen 15-16-18  
LARD Softening 10-11  
SIDE-BACON Softening 10-11  
HAMS Softening 10-11  
CHICKENS—Per dozen, live 1.50-1.75  
TURKEYS—Dressed 1.50-1.75  
ONIONS Per bushel 3.00-3.50  
APPLES Per bushel 5.00-5.50  
TIMOTHY HAY New, per ton 3.00-3.50  
POT CATTLE Per cwt. 3.00-3.50  
HOGS Per cwt. 3.00-3.50  
WOLB. Pig, dressed 3.00-3.50  
HIDES—Green 4-5  
" Dry 4-5  
SHEEP PRIMS—Aprons 4-5  
TALLOW—Per pound 4-5

## OPERA HOUSE.

C. A. SPALDING, Manager.

A GREAT PERFORMANCE  
—BY—  
A GREAT ACTOR  
—AND—  
A GREAT COMPANY.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8.  
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LAWRENCE BARRITT

Presented by Mr. Balwor's Grand Historical Play.

And the  
ENTIRE OLYMPIC COMPANY.

Prices of admission, 5c, 7c and \$1.00. Sale of seats commencing Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock a.m., principal at Curtis & Ewing's jewelry store.

SMITH'S OPERA HOUSE.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th.

The popular Young Actor,  
J. C. STEELE,  
And the Famous Dutch Comedian,  
Charlie Collins,

In the thrilling Military Drama,  
NORTH AND SOUTH!

Produced under the auspices of the  
DECATUR GRENADIERS  
Assisted by the  
YOUNG LADIES OF DECATUR.

ADMISSION, 5c, 7c and 10c. Seats at Curtis & Ewing's, without extra charge.

Y. M. C. A.  
The Young Men's Christian Association of this city have arranged with

Prof. Wm. C. RICHARDS, A. M. Ph. D.  
for the delivery of a course of lectures at the

TABERNACLE,  
ON  
POPULAR SCIENCE!

This course will consist of Three Evening lectures and one Matinee, on the following dates:

MONDAY, MARCH 11th,  
"THE MATTER KING,"  
On the Royal Work of Oxygen in the Cosmos.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12th,  
"THE MATTER QUEEN,"  
On the Chemistry of Water.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th,  
"FRANKLIN'S KITE,"  
On Electrical Story and Phenomena.

MATINEE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13th.  
Prof. Richards will deliver a lecture on the amount of apparatus, which he will illustrate and demonstrate.

The enthusiasm with which the lectures are received after public, in addition to his high reputation as a lecturer, is a guarantee that the series of lectures will be both popular and profitable to all who attend.

The price of admission in other places is as follows: Single tickets, 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00.

The Y. M. C. A. are anxious to place these lectures within the reach of all, and have therefore made the following rates of admission:

Course tickets, three evening lectures and one matinee, 50c; single admission to evening lecture, 25c; single admission to matinee, 10c. Tickets for sale by W. R. Aldrich, Curtis & Ewing, J. S. Hurdock & Co., M. S. Stoner & Co.

For a list of topics and experiments at the different lectures and further information, see handbills.

GRAND  
Spring Opening  
Baby Carriages  
—AND—  
Sleeping Coaches  
Newest Styles  
—AT—  
LIDDLE'S,  
Court House Block.  
March 8-d&wlf

THE GENUINE  
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1000 pieces of beautiful Embroideries, from 2c to 25c, both white and colored.  
1 case of grey twilled Mohair.  
1 case of pure black Mohairs at 30c; former price 50c; one of the greatest bargains ever offered.  
3 cases of new Prints at 5c, as pretty as they make them.  
Muslins, Shirts, Sheetings and all Domestic Goods in large quantities, and at lower prices than ever before.  
Do not fail to see our new Embroidered Extension Corset, they "are a daisy."  
Our 5c Counter is again loaded with Novelties.

HAYS & BARTHOLOMEW,  
Feb. 9-d&w  
NO. 25 WATER STREET

L. L. FERRISS,  
Proprietor of the  
Only One-Price Boot & Shoe House in Decatur

I am receiving my Spring Stock of BOOTS and SHOES, have contracted for a larger stock than ever before, and am preparing for a Big Spring Campaign, with more facilities for doing business than in former years. I have marked my entire stock down to present gold basis, and am putting lower prices on my New Spring Goods than ever was known even before the war. All my goods are custom work and warranted. I will sell at one price, marking my goods at the uniform low percent, treating every person and their money with uniform and just consideration. My New Spring Stock embraces all the new improvements, every variety of style, and many special makes, for which I have the exclusive sale in Decatur; among them are BURT'S, REYNOLDS', REED AND WEAVER'S, and the NEW STYLE GENTS' SHOE.

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N. B. My new store across the street, and next door east of Mulliken & Co's hardware, is best ready for me to take about June 1st, and I have to close my old store, which will be the last day of my business. Object of changing is to get a larger store for my business, and to get more convenient for my customers.

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